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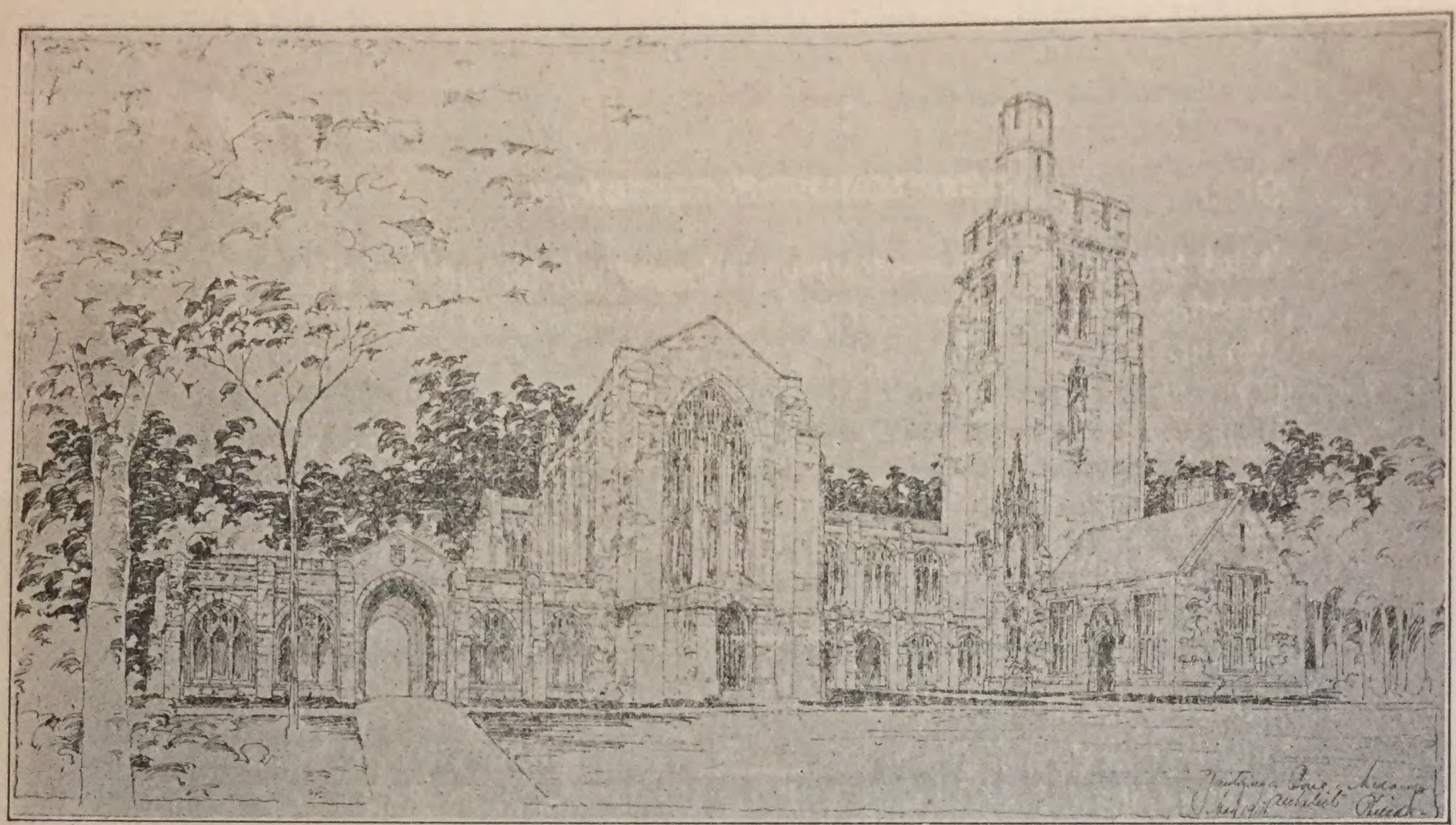

Cloister of the Colonies Washington Memorial Chapel Patriots' Hall Tower and Library

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—Cyrus Townsend Brady

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Progress.

Every stone added to the walls of the Chapel shows more clearly the dignity and beauty of the design. The nave is now up to the square, except in the bay next to the choir arch and the front wall. The builders are delayed on this part of the work because the elaborate tracery of the large Washington window is taking much more time to cut than at first estimated. Already the window gives suggestion of what it will be when completed.

The interior, even in its incomplete state, is impressive. One feels that he is in a church, and visitors are constantly likening it to the ruined abbeys of old England. Indeed as one walks the silent nave, with the deep blue sky above, and through unfinished arches sees the gorgeous hues of autumn on the oaks in the

surrounding woodland, one recalls those lines of Bishop Coxe,

"The abbeys and the arches,
The old cathedral piles,
Oh, weep to see the ivy
And the grass in all their aisles;
The vaulted roof is fallen,
And the bat and owl repose
Where once the people knelt them,
And the high Te Deum rose."

Only here is not destruction but construction—the building of hope and expectation—bringing joy to all who love true beauty and real art.

The clustered columns are completed, and surmounted by their beautifully carved capitals, await the oak trusses, which will bear the burden of the Roof of the Republic.

Bishop Rhinelander at the Chapel.

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, visited the Chapel on Sunday, November 14. The original schedule of the visitations gave the morning to the Chapel and the evening to Christ Church, Bridgeport. Later it was found that the morning would better suit that parish, so the Bishop went there at that time and came to the Chapel for the afternoon.

In spite of the storm of wind and rain there was a good congregation. The Bishop preached a helpful sermon and confirmed the following candidates who were presented by the Rector:

William Foster Fotterall.
Altia Jessie Garner.
John Luther Moyer.
Minnie Irene (Barbour) Moyer.

In the evening the Bishop went to Trinity Mission, Gulph Mills, this being his first visit to the Mission founded by Dean Burk. He was welcomed by a large congregation, and was well pleased with the building and the builders, the earnest men, women and children who are gathered in this congregation. There was no class for Confirmation as the Missionary, the Rev. Robert M. Beckett, had been in charge only since September 1.

Washington's Rectors.

The Washington Memorial Chapel has the distinction of being a church planned as a comprehnsive memorial of Washington the Churchman, and the Men and Women of the Revolution. From the porch to the altar it tells the story of the religious life of the founders of the great Republic. We have the font, telling of Washington's birth and baptism; the lectern telling of his services as a chaplain at the interment of General Braddock; the pulpit telling of his work as a vestryman and Church warden; and the altar, telling of his life as a communicant of the Church of England.

Carrying out the same idea, the Sedilia in the sanctuary will commemorate Washington's Rectors, the men who were his spiritual pastors, and to whom he looked for religious instruction and guidance.

The list includes the rectors of Truro Parish, and of Christ Church, Alexandria and of St. Paul's Chapel, New York, Christ Church, and St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia. He attended the latter during the winter of 1781-1782 when he lived on Third street below Willing's alley. The churches in New York and Philadelphia were his church homes during his Presidency and as he was a regular attendant upon the services the rectors of these parishes should be included in the list of Washington's Rectors.

Rector of Truro Parish.

The Reverend Charles Green, 1737-1765.
The Reverend Lee Massey, 1767-1782 (3).

Rector of Fairfax Parish.

The Reverend David Griffith, 1780-1789.
The Reverend Bryan Fairfax, 1790-1792 (?)
The Reverend Thomas Davis, 1792-1806 or 7.

Rector of St. Paul's Chapel, New York.

The Right Reverend Samuel Provost, D. D.

Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, Pa., The Rt. Rev. William White, D. D., 1790-17[illegible].

Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia The Rev. William White, D. D.

While the sedilia will commemorate these rectors they may be memorials of others. In other words they may be memorials of the founders of the Republic and of those who have conserved it by their life and service. This double commemoration will be found in most of the Cloister Bays, and in the Font, Pulpit, Perclose and Lecturn, etc. In this way the past and present of the Nation's history is written in this the Nation's Westminister.

List of Memorials.

At the meeting of the Washington Memorial Chapel Committee, held at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison, on Monday evening, October 18, Dr. Harrison reported that since the last meeting the following memorials had been given or pledged to the Washington Memorial Chapel:

The Sanctuary Door in the sum of $700, by the Reverend Victor M. Haughton and his family of Exeter, New Hampshire, in memory of General Jedediah Huntington.

The Choir Sacristy Door in the sum of $1000, by Mrs. George Alfred Fletcher, of Radnor, Pennsylvania, in memory of her husband.

The Delaware State Ceiling Panel by Mrs. T. P. Chandler, Jr., in the sum of $500. (Mrs. Chandler was a Miss duPont, of Wilmington, Delaware.)

The Pennsylvania State Panel by Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader in the sum of $500.

The Maine State Panel by Henry D. Moore, who was born in Steuben-Washington county, Maine, in the sum of $500.

The Oregon State Panel promised by Miss Fairing, of Portland, Oregon, Miss Fairing being Vice-Regent for the State of Oregon at Mount Vernon.

One of the Sedilia in the sum of $600, in memory of Mrs. George W. Kendrick, this gift having been made through the Quaker City Chapter of the D. A. R.

The Organ in the sum of $6000, by Mr. William L. Austin in memory of his Revolutionary Ancestors, David Snyder, Lieutenant of Light Dragoons.

The Altar Cross in the sum of $2000, in memory of Abraham Lincoln by "A Descendant of a Pennsylvania Ancestor of President Lincoln."

The Prayer Desk in the sum of $500 by the Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R.

The Hallowe'en Party.

The Log Cabin was the scene of a gay gathering on Hallowe'en when the Sunday schools of the parish had a frolic. The members of the school at King-of-Prussia came over in a large wagonette and in an automobile furnished by Mr. Crockett. Among the guests were some of the children from Miss Thompson's Cottage.

The party was a great success. The games were played with zest, and the contests were the source of much amusement. A yellow bag with a black cat on it was given to each one, and the bags were found to contain apples, pears and nuts. To these was added a souvenir. The refreshments served at the close of the party were ice cream and crullers.

TEACHER TRAINING.G

The Board of Religious Education of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is conducting Teacher Training Classes at four centers, Mid-city, West Philadelphia, South Philadelphia and Germantown. The Rev. Mr. Burk is the Board's Lecturer at the West Philadelphia Center, the Church of the Redemption, where on Wednesday, October 20, he began a series of nine lectures on the Prayer Book.

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Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Richard Haughton, Mr. Nathan B. Hughes, Mr. Leslie Jefferis, Mr. Frank Quigg, Mr. S. Col. Summerill, Mr. Henderson Supplee, Mr. Clayton Stephens Walker, Mr. C. Colket Wilson, Jr.

Miss Mary M. Hibbs, Chorister.
Miss Mary Pugh, Organist.
Mr. Louis Buler, Sexton.

Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.
Holy Communion, First Sunday.
Saints' Days, 9.30 A. M. Holy Communion.

King-of-Prussia:
9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

The Valley Forge Museum of American History.

Curator, The Rev. W. Herbert Burk, B. D.
Assistant Curator, Mr. Reginald L. Hart.

The Washington Memorial Library.
Librarian, Mr. E. Russell Jones.

The Choir Sacristy Door.

Mrs. George Alfred Fletcher has given the Choir Sacristy Door in memory of her husband, the late George Alfred Fletcher. This very generous gift completes the list of memorial doors. The first of these, the front door, was given by Colonial Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution. This is the Washington Door. The second was given by Colonial Dames, Philadelphia Chapter II, in memory of Washing's Election as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. The third was the gift of the Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots, and was given in memory of the Allies who gave help and encouragement to Washington and his men. These have been in place. The fourth door is the gift of the Society of New York State Women, and is given in memory of Washington's Inauguration as First President of the United States. The fifth door, as announced last month, is a memorial of General Jedediah Huntington, and is the gift of his descendants.

The George Alfred Fletcher Door will open from the Choir Sacristy into the New Hampshire Bay in the Cloister of the Colonies near the Washington Inauguration Door. Like the other doors, this will be made of heavy oak, deeply molded. Mr. Samuel Yellin will forge all the iron work, and this will be specially designed for this door.

In good weather the vested choristers will pass from the sacristy through the Cloister and enter the Chapel from the New Jersey Bay. This procession will be one of the beautiful features of the opening and closing of the services, when throughout the summer months there are hundreds of visitors at these times.

"But more valuable even than his military genius was that unyielding spirit which animated Washington himself, and with which he inspired both the Congress and the people." Gentleman's Magazine.

The Martha Washington Guild.

The Martha Washington Guild held its annual meeting on Wednesday, September 1, and re-elected the officers who had served so acceptably during the past year as follows:

President, Mrs. William C. Wilson.
Vice President, Mrs. Colket Walker.
Secretary, Miss Mary Pugh.
Treasurer, Miss Mary M. Hibbs.

The Guild has been the most helpful parochial agency for years, assisting the Vestry and carrying on many a good work which otherwise would never have been done. This year it has given to the Parish the Log Cabin, which already has proven itself an invaluable factor in our progress and whose usefulness has only begun. Under Mrs. Wilson's able leadership the Guild has done better than ever, and the following report tells the story of enthusiastic work.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, Sept. 1, 1914.	$7 23
Annual dues	74 55
Proceeds of Tea Room	50 33
Proceeds of luncheon, Oct. 20, 1914	48 20
Proceeds of fair, Nov. 28, 1914 ...	100 01
Proceeds of two suppers, Feb. 5, Aug. 20th	160 35
Proceeds of musicale, Mrs. W. C. Wilson, June 10	155 00
Proceeds of strawberry festival..	50 70
Proceeds of lawn fete, July 24...	96 65
Proceeds of three rummage sales.	128 91
Coal fund collections	57 22
Cash donations	164 40
Interest on deposits	2 94
	$1099 49

DISBURSEMENTS.

Parish expenses (to Mr. Quigg, treasurer)	$180 00
Additional Parish expenses, oil, etc.	68 23
Dedication music (to Rev. W. H. Burk)	76 74
Norristown Herald (for Chonicle)	10 50
Convocation Missions (to J. D. Newbold)	45 00
Interest on loan of Endowment Fund	18 75
Building of Log Cabin to date ..	285 41
Rev. W. H. Burk vacation expense	150 00
Expenses for entertainment	48 32
Total	$882 95

Balance in treasury, Sept. 1, 1915. $216 54

To this should be added the receipts of the pageant, as in it the Guild was most active. This makes a grand total of $1364.31.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNA.

At the annual meeting of the Sunday School Association of the Diocese of Pennsylvania the Rev. W. Herbert Burk was re-elected a member of the Executive Board. He has been also continued on the Teacher Training Committee, of which the Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, is chairman.

"The Ladies' Home Journal" and the Chapel.

A whole page of "The Ladies' Home Journal" for October is devoted to a picture of Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. This is one of the fascinating series of "Self-Made Pictures for Children's Rooms," by C. Durand Chapman.

In the letter press description Mr. Durand says:

"For a hundred years after the camp was deserted the Nation seemed to have forgotten Valley Forge and its record of heroic deeds, but in 1878 its centennial was celebrated and the Valley Forge Association formed. Hundreds of acres have been acquired and made into a great National Park. Large sums are continually being used to beautify the grounds and mark the important spots with splendid memorials.

"There are great monuments and statues, a majestic Triumphal Arch, and

a wonderful Washington Memorial Building which will have a Patriots' Hall, a Chapel, a Library, Cloister, a Porch of the Allies and a Thanksgiving Tower in which will hang a peace chime of thirteen bells, each to represent a colony. There will be a fine Museum of National History in which can be seen Washington's army tent and a wonderfully interesting collection of Revolutionary relics.

"Where the half-starved, ill-clad soldiers marched over rough, stony roads that reddened under their bare, bleeding feet, the visitor now may walk along broad, well-kept boulevards to all the important points of interest; and around the name "Valley Forge" will shine a halo of glory that can never fade."

THE GUILD FAIR.

The Washington Chapel Guild held a fair in the Log Cabin on Saturday, November 27. The tables were covered with beautiful pieces of needlework, home-made cakes and candy. The luncheon, which was one of the features of the fair, was worthy of a much larger patronage. Fully fifty dollars were realized and another success added to the long list of triumphs.

The Thanksgiving Plays.

As a surprise and help to the Rector some of the members of the Sunday School selected two good plays and presented them on Saturday evening, November 27. The big firplace in the Log Cabin made just the setting for the scenes in rural life. The acting was well done, and the whole entertainment was worthy of high praise. There was plenty of fun, and no one enjoyed it better than the Rector, who takes so much pleasure in the work of his young people. The parts were taken by

Miss Helen McCurdy, Miss Florence McCurdy, Miss Jane Todd, Miss Margaret Todd, Howard McCurdy, Rufus Buler, Norman McCurdy and Raymond Buler. In addition to the plays there were recitations by Miss Margaret Todd, Miss Alice Bulet, Miss Patsy Wadleigh, Miss Ann Todd and Miss Kathryn Jackson.

THE SUBJECT GRADED SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On the invitation of the Rev. Addison A. Lamb, of Trinity Church, Coatesville, the Rev. Mr. Burk conducted a conference on Monday, November 15, at the rectory on "The Subject-Graded Sunday School." There was a large number present, and the conference revealed the excellent work being done by the teachers. Mr. Burk spoke of his own experience with both kinds of schools, and strongly advised the adoption of subject-grading on the lines of the public school.

The Children's Gift to Charity Hospital.

The members of the Primary Department were happy in giving a Thanksgiving present to Charity Hospital, Norristown. The Rector's automobile was literally loaded with vegetables, groceries, fruit, jellies and preserves, packed as tightly as possible and then on top of all a load of delighted boys and girls, "The Committee," to deliver the gift at the Hospital. No one felt the cold or the crowding in that long ride, and the Rector's prayer was that in all of life's journey they would know only the joy of giving.

ADDRESS TO SCHOOLS.

Members of the William Penn High School and the John Marshall School, of Philadelphia, visited Valley Forge on Saturday, October 16. The Rector met the teachers and scholars at the Chapel and told them of its meaning and purpose. A brief patriotic service was held and Mr. Burk made an address on Valley Forge and the relation of William Penn and John Marshall to its history.

The Washington Treasury at Arlington House.

Benson J. Lossing, the historian, was present at the Inauguration of President Franklin Pierce. Following the Inauguration he went with Mr. Custis to Arlington House, and there made sketches of the relics of Washington, which he afterward described in an article in Harper's Magazine. Among the sketches is one showing the camp tents of Washington in their leather cases and lying by it are the jointed tent poles. The latter look like spears. The smaller case contained the tent now in the Valley Forge Museum of American History. This was Washington's Marquee. The other was presented to the United States by Washington's adopted son George Washington Parke Custis. The Museum has recently secured the following letter from Mr. Custis, who speaks of the visit of Mr. Lossing and his drawings of "The Washington Treasury at Arlington House." We print the letter in full:

Arlington House
near Alexandria Virg.
March 30th 1853

My dr Sir

Your most kind & interesting letter of the 7th came duly to hand & has remained much too long unanswered. I agree with you in the propriety of a little embellishment to our Diplomas, Honorary Diplomas, &c &c &c, and now my D Sir, that your Merchant Princes of Boston have come down so munificently in aid of our cause we can well afford a little embellishment in conducting our affairs.

There are various good views of the old Mansion House & office at Mount Vernon. The beautiful marble mantel piece was done in Italy for a Mr. Vaughan a wealthy retired merchant of London & presented by him to Washington after the Peace of 1783. The subject of the splendid sculpture is purely Agricultural representing a Rural Homestead. Either of those subjects would form a fine & appropriate illustration for Diplomas. I would then recommend a vignette or a crest to our Agricultural a cognizance or Coat of Arms of simply a Plough encircled by the Civic Wreath, motto "Speed the Plough." For an Artist to execute these designs permit me to recommend "Benson J. Lossing, Esq., No. 71 Nelson Street New York." This gentleman is favorably known to the American Public as the Author of the Field Book of the Revolution, a work of merit & abounding in pictorial illustrations.

Mr. Lossing has just left here, having been engaged in taking drawings from *the Washington Treasury at Arlington House*, with a view to their being published in Harper's Magazine, with descriptive remarks, details, &c &c

Any assistance advice, or otherwise aid that I can give in the matter of the embellishment you may most freely command.

I pray you should you see our most worthy & efficient Chief Colo Wilder, that you will present me most kindly to him. I bear you all in affectionate remembrance, & hope to have the honour of taking you all by the hand, at our next anniversary meeting, where we shall unite as a band of Brothers, to give "Speed to the Plough," the truest Emblem of a Nation's Greatness.

Accept for yourself my D Sir an assurance of the esteem & respect with which I have the honor to be Faithfully Yo ob Svt

George W P Custis

B. T French Esq.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH AS A SPIRITUAL FORCE.

The Rev. Mr. Burk went to Trenton, N. J., on Tuesday, October 26, to take part in a Conference on Rural Work held in All Saints' Church, the Rev. Ralph E. Urban, Rector. Mr. Burk spoke on "The Country Church as a Spiritual Force."

A Letter to General Washington Valley Forge.

Baskingridge, May 13, 1778.

Dr Sir .

On My arrival at Morris Town, I found Lt Coll. Campbell, who proposed my going with him to New York, as he thought he could aid me greatly in farthering some immediate relief to our suffering Prisoners. By Coll. Allen I rec d Gen l Clinton's permission to attend Coll. Campbell and then proceeded to New York—I found Major Gen l Daniel Kones in the Command & Gen l Valentine Jones Commandant of the City—Both these Gentlemen appear determined to give every relief to Prisoners that is in their Power—They treated me with uncommon Civility & granted me every thing I Asked—The Exchange I took with Me was compleatly carried with Execution, with the addition of twenty-five Officers & about Twenty Privates being for the Servants of Gen l Burgoyne, Coll. Campbell & others—

Gen L Jones has given me the strongest assurance that our officers & Privates shall not have reason again to Complain of unnecessary Severity; indeed their whole System appears to be changed or at least in Confusion—I cannot but mention the Service I rec d from Coll. Campbell, who seems determined to interest himself in Mitigating the rigors of Captivity, which he Appears well acquainted with—Many of our officers who are now Exchanged are at a loss to know what to do, there being no Provision made for them, and having left both Property & friends, they are anxious for any employment, in which they may hope for some satisfaction for the Multitude & severity of their Sufferings—

As I am much engaged to get my accounts in proper order, I shall remain here, till that is done, unless I receive other orders from your Excellency, which I beg to be favoured with, if you think my immediate Presence necessary at Camp—If a successor to my department has been Nominated, I should be much obliged by the Information—

I have the honor to be with the greatest regard and esteem

Your Excellency's
Most Obed t & Most Hble Serv t
Elias Boudinot
Co m. Gen l of Pris s

His Excellency Gen l Washington

(Endorsed)

From Elias Boudinot Esq.

May 13, 78

Answered 23 d &c

From "The Life of Elias Boudinot," Vol. 1, 118.

"Oh! who shall know of the might
Of the words he uttered there?
The fate of nations then was turned
By the fevor of that prayer.

"But wouldst thou know his words,
Who wandered there alone?
Go, read enrolled in Heaven's archives,
The prayer of Washington."

"Though as intrepid as Hannibal and fotunate as Caesar; yet mildness and humanity were prominent traits in his character; he never pierced a fallen foe. Washington fought not to conquer, but to defend; not to ruin the foe, but to protect his people; not to enslave a country, but to free, to build up a nation; to establish it on the broad basis of equal rights, under the enjoyment of liberty and under the protection of love." Captain Josiah Dunham.

"Few men who have earned for themselves a celebrated name in the history of the world exhibit such a harmony, such a concordant symmetry of all the qualities calculated to render himself and others happy, as Washington; and it has been very appropriately observed that, like the masterpieces of ancient art,—he must be the more admired in the aggregate, the more closely he is examined in detail." George von Raumer.